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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Michael J. Brown

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 11/13/2003 was filed. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kung et al.(US Patent 6,574,739).

As to claim 1, Kung discloses a method comprising adjusting the clock speed of a central processing unit (CPU)(CPU 10, see Fig. 1) as a function of the output of a performance monitor(CPU activity monitoring circuit 50, see Fig. 1) forming part of an operating system(BIOS 38, see Fig. 1) controlling the CPU.

As to claim 2, Kung discloses the method wherein the output comprises a measure of CPU utilization(see column 2, lines 47-51).

As to claim 3, Kung discloses the method wherein the adjusting comprises lowering the clock speed by a predefined amount when the CPU utilization goes below

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a given utilization percentage, down to a minimum CPU speed(see column 2, lines 54-57 and column 3, lines 25-38).

As to claim 4, Kung discloses the method wherein the adjusting comprises raising the clock speed by a predefined amount when the CPU utilization goes above a given utilization percentage, up to a maximum CPU speed(see column 2, lines 54-57 and column 3, lines 25-38).

As to claim 5, Kung discloses the method wherein the CPU is powered by a battery(power regulator 18, see Fig. 1).

As to claim 6, Kung discloses the method wherein the CPU forms part of a movable computing unit(computer system, see Fig. 1; and column 2, lines 37-38).

As to claim 7, Kung discloses the method wherein the CPU is powered by a non-battery power source(power regulator 18, see Fig. 1).

As to claim 8, Kung discloses the method wherein the CPU forms part of a household appliance(computer system, see Fig. 1; and column 2, lines 37-38).

As to claim 9, Kung discloses the power saving device comprising a CPU(CPU 10, see Fig. 1), a clock(clock 16, see Fig. 1) to provide timing indications to the CPU, a performance monitor(CPU activity monitoring circuit 50, see Fig. 1) to generate measurements of the CPU's performance, and a rate setter(CPU activity monitoring program 40, see Fig. 1) to change the speed of the clock as a function of at least some of the output of the performance monitor.

As to claim 10, Kung discloses the device wherein the output comprises a measure of CPU utilization(see column 2, lines 47-51).

As to claim 11, Kung discloses the device wherein the rate setter lowers the clock speed by a predefined amount when the CPU utilization goes below a given utilization percentage, down to a minimum CPU speed(see column 2, lines 54-57 and column 3, lines 25-38).

As to claim 12, Kung discloses the device wherein the rate setter raises the clock speed by a predefined amount when the CPU utilization goes above a given utilization percentage, up to a maximum CPU speed(see column 2, lines 54-57 and column 3, lines 25-38).

As to claim 13, Kung discloses the device also comprising a battery(power regulator 18, see Fig. 1) to power the CPU.

As to claim 14, Kung discloses the device wherein the device is a movable computing device(computer system, see Fig. 1; and column 2, lines 37-38).

As to claim 15, Kung discloses the device also comprising a plug to connect to a non-battery power source(power regulator 18, see Fig. 1).

As to claim 16, Kung discloses the device wherein the device is a household appliance(computer system, see Fig. 1; and column 2, lines 37-38).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brown whose telephone number is (571)272-5932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 3:30pm(EST).

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